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LOST.

BY ROSE TERRY COOKE.

Once on a time she came to me,
As some small star from heaven might flee—
To be a mortal's sole delight,
A love by day, a dream by night,
The sweetest thing on land or sea,
My little darling crept to me.

A trembling, tender, fairy thing,
Too grave to smile, too sad to sing,
Aware of earth with grieved surprise,
An alien from her native skies,
A baby angel strange to see,
My little darling came to me.

But love and loving taught her smiles,
And life and living baby wiles—
The way to cling, to coax, to kiss,
To fill my soul with deepest bliss;
My heart of hearts, my life, was she.
This little love who came to me.

What words she stammered, soft and low,
No other ear but mine could know;
More gentle than a cooing dove,
More fond than any voice of love,
So shy, so sweet, so tenderly,
My little darling spoke to me.

I know not how to tell the grace
That dwelt upon her wistful face—
The tinted skin, the lip's pure bloom,
The clearest eyes that knew not gloom,
The hair as soft as moly wings be,
My little darling showed to me.

Alas! I know that all is gone,
That here I sit and grieve alone,
That every fair and gracious thing
I loved and lost is but a sting:
Another thorn thy memory,
My little darling, brings to me.

But kindly night doth pity pain:
In all my dreams she comes again:
Her precious head is on my breast:
My happy arms encase her rest;
I hear her words of tender glee,
My little darling kisses me.

Ah! sweet is night—too sweet, too brief—
When day recalls our bitterest grief,
The hungry heart, the longing dire
That burns the soul with vain desire,
The ancient cry of wild distress,
The Rachel-mourning, comfortless.
O God! once more that face to see,
My little darling, come to me!

A PIECE OF PRESUMPTION.

Everybody knew that the Belleschevaux' were an old family, with lands and stocks, to which they seemed to have acquired such a prescriptive right that it never crossed anybody's mind that Providence had any right to take them away. And great was everybody's consternation when Providence exercised the right and Mr. Belleschevaux, having fallen over in a fit, was found to have left his estate insolvent, and everybody wondered and everybody pitied and nobody helped. Those who had partaken of the Belleschevaux' bounty, had sat at their table, slept under their roof, been relieved, prospered, flattered by the Belleschevaux, called and condoled but asked no leading question. Perhaps it would have been like presumption to offer help there. At any rate they didn't presume. And perhaps Mrs. Belleschevaux's stately manner made it impossible. And so, when everything was settled and she could see what there was before them, she found nothing left but the little disregarded dower she had brought with her. The family mansion, with its ancient splendor, its woods and gardens, was sold to upstarts who had never heard the name of Belleschevaux, and the family moved into a cottage, which in a year or two they made beautiful with vines and shrubs.

Of course Louise Belleschevaux, with her spirit, was not content with life in that cottage on her mother's dower, with the children yet to be launched upon the world. She had been taught, simply as a matter of fact, that they were of noble descent; and the best way to prove nobility, she deemed in this country, where work was honorable, was to earn it over again. "In old times you fought for it, now you work for it," she said; "and I shall take the first situation that offers." The poor child had an idea that situations went about begging to be taken, and it was only when a six months' search enlightened her that she accepted a chance as teacher of music and painting in an establishment employing some dozen other teachers.

To say that Louise Belleschevaux did not regard this as a degradation of the dignity of her name would be untrue, and she would have been herself untrue to the traditions of her blood if she had not so regarded it. No Belleschevaux lady had ever yet dressed her own hair; a body-servant had always been an integral portion of a Belleschevaux gentleman: and here she was, wanting upon dunces for pay! But she had sense enough to know it would be worsed degradation to sit down in idleness and make more scanty yet the household supplies; and she used to repeat daily to herself:

"Who sweeps a floor as to God's praise
Makes that and the action fine."

and nobody ever knew what it cost her to sweep this floor, till the time when she laughed at the woes for which then she had no respect.

Yet, after all, there was not much of the aristocrat in the little lady's looks; her sonorous name—Henriette Desiree Louise Belleschevaux her old Huguenot great grandmother's name—was more imposing than her appearance. She was a tiny woman, but perfect as tiny, with her faultless hands and feet, her shell pink bloom, her delicate features, her luminous brown eyes, and her hair, whose braids set upon her head as a gold crown might set upon a queen's; yet if you looked closer you saw her always erect now so gracious, now so imperious, every inch of her a queen. But this discrowned queen was apt to lie pardue, unless it was necessary to assert herself, and perhaps nobody but John Mowbray had ever come into open contract with her.

He was the teacher of mathematics, which duty he assumed only while using all the time it left him for the study of his profession—a stalwart, well-knit fellow, with broad intellect stamped upon his face, who had worked his way through college, and apparently thought it no dishonor to work his way through life. Yet he knew the hardships of a teacher's life; none better; and when he saw this little lady enter the school, he could not but feel a pang of pity to think of the unused path before her, and of the suffering from the duuces who were to play on her nerves as on the keyboard. There was something very winning about her gracious yet reserved manner, her calm smile; he thought he should like to make the way easier for her. He left on her desk, one morning as he went by, a single rose bud, like a word of welcome.

It was not the season with her of flowers in plenty; it was long since she had had flowers in plenty; and this was a lovely one. She took it up eagerly, and when the bell tinkled she pinned it to her throat, with something of the color deepening her cheek.

John Mowbray, seeing her through his glass door, could but think the little flower had brightened the path of the little feet that day. Some days after ward he laid, not one, but two or three stems in a cluster, on the desk again. taken from his own window garden that he tried to keep in bloom all the year round—a carnation, a bit of heliotrope, a white bud, a geranium leaf. She looked up as he passed with a smile, they were so sweet, the sight of them, the breath of them gave back the days when she was surrounded with them; she kept them with her all day, and took them home at night. As for the giver, it never occurred to her to remember him; she had always had flowers, and here was some kind fate still bestowing them; John Mowbray was merely the servant of this fate. It seemed, though, as if the little flowers were in some sort of a seal of benison upon her work; she went about it with a better heart because of them. So for one week and another she took her seat at the desk, and every few days the passing hand quietly laid before her the few blossoms, or she found them there when she came—a single spray of salmon-colored geranium flowers ringed with the darkest pansies, just one splendid cactus blossom, a score of the first deep violets, a snowy calla full of these violets, a spike of creamy hyacinthe, or, if there were not any blossoms out, a bunch of fragrant leaves. The ungrateful girl never thought for a moment about the way they reached her; it was so natural that she should have them; they came as a part of her belongings, and she gave a nod of thanks to John Mowbrow, as she would to a waiter, and went her tiresome way, but made no complaint.

But when the first term was half through Mr. Mowbray was called away. The principal attended to his classes and bungled throughout his recitations, and he was gone three weeks. "I'm sure you miss your flowers," said the old preceptress; and all at once the preception of her indebtedness crossed Louise—crossed her in an angry gush of feeling—she, a Belleschevaux, to be indebted for what had been hers in abundance from her cradle! When Mr. Mowbray came back shaking hands with one another, he paused at her desk. "I was gone a great while, Miss Belleschevaux," said he. "But it is not every day one has a legacy and—"

"We are glad to have you back, Mr. Mowbray," she said as loftily as so small a thing could speak, evincing such pleasure as might be found in the return of blackboard and crayon, and not heeding the sprays of exquisite pink heather he laid before her. The sight of them after their absence, served to remind her that she no longer had the wide gardens and conservatories, and moreover that she owed to this school usher now the simple commonplaces of her old life. She never touched the heather but let it lie and wither for the janitor to sweep out. It was, however, only a few day before she found in the glass on her desk a cluster of little white Scotch roses; the quick glance that saw them there was all the glance they had from her, and they too withered untouched. She was with these poor people, but not of them; she would not be placed on the level of such familiarity as the giving and taking of these flowers, and she would be the debtor of no such usurer as one who expects gratitude. She could live without this Mr. Mowbray's flowers, and wanted none of them. She heard it rumored that his legacy was so generous he would leave teaching and establish himself in his profession; she wished he would, and the sooner the better. It became more and more unpleasant to have him place the blossoms in her hand; she could not refuse them without rudeness, and rudeness had hitherto been foreign to the Belleschevaux. She hated to thank him; if he had any ulterior design, any intention of thus expressing emotion toward her, the thing was doubly repugnant—one of these people daring to feel, much less express any emotion, toward her! Since the idea struck her she had really never given him a second look. She delayed reaching school till the last bell, and she paid no more attention to any flower she found, although, it must be confessed, that a bunch of lilies-of-the-valley cut her to the heart and it would have been rapture to bury her face in them.

"Do you know what Mr. Mowbry says of you?" asked the confidential old preceptress once.

"How should I?" she answered curtly.

"He says you are like a frozen jasmine flower."

"I would thank Mr. Mowbray not to make me a subject of remark," said Miss Belleschevaux.

"My dear," said the other, "it will be silly to pursue that course with Mr. Mowbray; he is a rising man. And a young girl—"

"I do not care to hear anything concerning him," said Louise, gathering her exercises.

"Ah, Miss Belleschevaux," returned the old preceptress, laughing kindly, "you have yet to learn, and are going to make it a hard lesson, that all the worth of the world is not shut up in the Belleschevaux family!"

It was only the next day that one of the girls—in that worshipping enthusiasm which many young ladies entertain toward certain teachers—brought an album to Miss Belleschevaux for her to write a verse or one of its pages. After she had complied with the request, Louise turned the pages and her eye was caught by another verse:

"She hath no scorn of common things
And though she seems of other birth,
Round us her heart entwines and clings,
And patiently she folds her wings
To tread the humbler paths of earth."

Louise sighed as she read it: she wished she could do as much. "Mr. Mowbray copied that verse for me," said the little maid; "and do you know, Miss Belleschevaux, he said it made him think of you."

Miss Belleschevaux shut the book with a snap. This was growing unbearable. She looked through the glass door at Mr. Mowbray, quietly listening to algebraic demonstrations, and she felt it the rudest intrusion, the worst presumption—he who might have been her brother's hired tutor, her father's clerk, to be speaking and writing of her in this manner, to be presenting her with flowers and following her with gallantries! She flung the morning's flowers upon the floor, and when she came up from her singing class, still warm with her sense of wrong, it was the recess, and nobody but Mr. Mowbray was behind his glass door, and she walked boldly into the little den of mathematics.

"Mr. Mowbray," said she—and she had no idea it would be so hard—"I desire to have the respect of every gentleman connected with this institution."

"I am sure you have it, Miss Belleschevaux," said he gravely and politely.

"I desire," she repeated, "the respect of every gentleman connected with this institution, and I want nothing more of them."

"I hardly understand you, Miss Belleschevaux," said he.

"I mean," she said, finding it still more difficult, "that I want no more flowers."

"Oh, is that it?" he said with his cool smile. "Certainly not. I thought they gave you pleasure. They shall not trouble you further."

"I don't know why they should have troubled me at all!" she cried, hotly.

"Nor I either," said he.

"And I will not submit to such persecution—talking of me to this person and writing of me to that."

"Really, Miss Belleschevaux, I beg your pardon, but I am at a loss to understand—"

"Very well, then. Only don't do it any more!" she exclaimed.

"Don't do what?"

"Don't make me a topic of conversation with the other teachers."

"I assure you, Miss Belleschevaux, I have never done anything of the kind."

"It's quite idle for you to say so when I know to the contrary. And be so good as to write nothing more about me, either."

"Write about you? Upon my honor, Miss Belleschevaux, I am not aware that I ever wrote a word about you."

Miss Belleschevaux made an impatient movement. "It is of no use to talk about it; but when the preceptress repeats your words to me, and when Miss Varley brings her album with your writing in it, I have a right to insist upon no more of it. I don't wish for any more expressions of admiration."

"Ah, indeed!" said Mr. Mowbray. "Pray allow me to explain. Miss Varley brings a verse of her own selection to copy into her album, and asks of whom it reminds me. Not having had the pleasure of this interview, I frankly say, of you—judging her to be suffering from one of her acute enthusiasms. For the rest, I do not remember to have spoken of you."

"But you have."

"I think not."

"You did. You said I was like a flower."

Mr. Mowbray smiled again. "Yes, indeed," he said. "I remember. The preceptress asks me if you do not resemble a flower yourself, a white jasmine; and I reply, a frozen one. I am sorry you have tortured such simplicities into such complexities. And so far from expressions of admiration—excuse me if I say that I do not admire you in the least." And with a bow, Mr. Mowbray set open the glass door and struck his bell.

So Miss Belleschevaux went down to her music room and sat there listening to the trumming, but with her mind as far away as the east is from the west. It was drawing upon her that she had been guilty of a horrible absurdity, and she was burning with shame and rage. In the light of her vanity she had interpreted simple charity into gallantry, and she had insisted upon it that a man admired her when he assured her that he did not admire her in the least. She never would dare to look at him again. She felt her face box up under her hair. How courteous and how cold he had been! No Belleschevaux gentleman could have conducted the interview better; it was he that was the patrician, and she—she had done dishonor to her blood! She would have given the world to leave the school. Mr. Mowbray had promised the principal to remain till spring. What an unblushing fool he had seen in her! And from that moment she thought of him as something very far from a fool—infinitely nobler than herself; and one day she wished she had never seen him; the next, would have given a year's life if he had never heard of her; and the day after longed to show him she was not so bad as he thought. If Mr. Mowbray wanted redress, he was fast obtaining it, for Louise Belleschevaux was thinking altogether much of him!

She observed him now, from her desk, through the glass door. There was something very gentle and fine in his manner with those he taught; he was not so plain as she had supposed; rugged features, to be sure, but who could be plain with those great deep set eyes and that smile? She listened when the door was ajar. He had a singularly clear and penetrating voice. How lucid he had made the problems!—she might have known something if Mr. Mowbray had been her teacher. What now? Well the Mowbrays might be as good as the Belleschevaux, and if they were not, were not all men equal before God? Miss Belleschevaux was becoming a little radical. She used to listen to him, too, talking on different themes with the principal in the long recess. Well, she had wrought her fate, she must put it on and wear it; the patience she had used in accepting poverty and work she must use in accepting the disesteem of this one man in the world. So she plodded on her dreary path; and as before, nobody knew what it cost her. There was no cheery good morning now from any deep voice, there were no more flowers to brighten the day, to take to her mother and the children at night; yet, if she missed them, she deserved it; she must make amends by brightening the day to those around her. And she did, and the girls began to say never anybody taught music like Miss Belleschevaux—she was just music itself—while the old preceptress assured them that "blood always tells."

Thus through the long dark half of the autumn term, through the beginning of the winter, the dark days when life and gloom seemed one. There was little pleasure in the school, and home was so changed that there was little solace there. She was thoroughly dispirited; and more than once she might have been seen lingering after the rest at the close of day, with her arms lying across the desk and her head fallen between them, abandoned to her tears. She was unhappy, and she learned at last that it was because she loved. That her heart broke one day, and the light this might have burned on an eternal altar fire she had herself put out. She grew worn and thin; a sad smile played with the dimples now, although they were just as lovely, but the rich color slowly waning, seldom hung its signal on the soft cheek, unless some voice startled her, a voice that her heart sprang up to meet. She dragged herself every day to school, and it seemed to her that instead of the grandiloquent phase over the gate, should have been written, "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here." It would be vacation soon; the second half of February was breathing space; he would be gone; and she would escape her troubles, or gather strength to endure them.

It was now the last day but one of the term. Mr. Mowbray left on the morrow. As she heard the regrets everywhere about her, her heart sank. The hours crawled. At length the bell struck, the files departed; she was left alone.

Alone? Mr. Mowbray behind the glass door, was sorting some final papers. Could she let him leave with this cloud over her? Fear shook her. But no; at any rate she must dispel that; and all at once she walked not boldly this time, but twice turning back on the way to his side. He did not look up at once. She put out her hand to attract his attention; it fell on his; then he arose. She was stone-still; not a word came to her.

"Can I help you?" he said.

"Mowbray, I want to beg—you—" And she broke into a flood of tears, and ran away too fast for any feet to follow.

It was harder work to go to school next day than any she had ever gone; but she must; and while as a little ghost she took her seat at her desk, to blush on the instant red as a little rose over the handful of orange blossoms scattered round a letter lying on her desk. "Miss Belleschevaux has a valentine!" cried the girls. But just then the bell rang, and she took her letter and one great, sweet blossom with her to her music room, where she would be alone till she summoned her class; and she tore the letter open, and saw the verse she had seen once before, and below it, to complete its use, another verse of the same poem:

"I love her with a love as still
As a broad river's peaceful might,
Which, by high tower and lowly mill,
Goes wandering at its own sweet will,
And yet doth ever flow aright."

And beneath the whole, as if he had been proud to set his hand and seal to it, was the boldly written name of John Mowbray.

There came a tap upon the door, and, as she would have concealed the letter, it opened, and Mr. Mowbray himself came in. She thought she was dreaming; she did not dare to look up. He walked straight to her, and took the hand with which she was trying to hide that she had been holding the letter to her lips.

"Are you going to answer my valentine? Are you going to wear my orange flowers?" said he. "Look up and let me read the answer in your eyes. Tell me I did not dare too much." And as she still sat like a statue,

"Are you really a little frozen jasmine flower?" he cried; and he bent and kissed her. "Did you you think I could live every day of six months under the same roof with you," he murmured, "and not learn to love you? And did you think, my darling, my little darling now, that I never saw the change stealing over you, like sunrise into the sky?"

And when the principal, in a neat speech of segiets, formally told the school that Mr. Mowbray left them that day, he added his regrets that Mr. Mowbray was to take Miss Belleschevaux with him.

SAM LAWSON ON COURTIN'.

"I 'member I used to lead the singin' in them days, and Miry she used to sing counter, so we set pretty near together in the singers' seats; and I used to think Sunday mornin's when she'd come to the meetin' in her white dress and her red cheeks and her bonnet all tipped off with laylock, that 'twas for all the world just like June sunrise to have her come into the singers' seats. Them was the days I didn't improve my privileges, boys," said Sam sighing deeply. "There was a time that of I'd spoke there's no knowin' what mightn't happened, 'cause you see, boys, I was better lookin' in them days than I be now. Now, you mind, boys, when you grow up, of you go to waiting on a nice gal, and you're most a mind to speak up to her, don't you go and put it off, 'cause if you do you may live to repent it.

"Well, you see, from the time that Bill Elderkin came and took the Academy, I could see plain enough that it was time for me to hang up my fiddle. Bill he used to set in the singers' seats, too, and he would have it that he sung tenor. He no more sung tenor than a skunk blackbird, but he made b'lieve that he did, jest to git next to Miry in the singers' seats, and then they used to be writin' backward and forward to each other till they tora out all the leaves of the hymn-books and the singin'-books besides. Wal, I never thought the house o' Lord was jest the place to be courtin' in, and I used to get considerable shocked at the way things went on atween them. Why, they'd be a writin' all sermon-time; and I've seen him a-lookin' at her all through the long prayer in a way that wa'n't right, considerin' they were both professers of religion. But then the fact was, old Black Hoss John was to blame for it, 'cause he never let 'em have no chance to home. You see, old Black Hoss he was set again Elderkin 'cause he was poor. You see, his mother, the old widdah Elderkin, she was just about the poorest, peakedest old body over to Shertourne, and went out to days' works, and Bill Elderkin he was all for books and larnin', and old Black Hoss John he thought it was shiftlessness, but Miry she thought it was a genius, and she got it sot in her mind he was a-going to be President of the United States or some sich.

"Wal, old Black Hoss he wa'n't none too polite to Miry's beaux in gineral, but when Elderkin used to come to see her he was snarlier than a saw; he hadn't a good word for him noways; and he'd rake up the fire right before his face and eyes, and rattle about fastening up the windows, and tramp up to bed, and call down the chamber stairs to Miry to go to bed, and was sort o' aggravatin' every way.

"Wal, of folks want to get a gal set on havin' a man, that ar's the way to go to work. Miry had a consid'able stiff will of her own, and if she didn't care about Tom Beacon before she hated him now; and if she liked Bill Elderkin before, she was clean gone over to him now; and so she took to goin' to the Wednesday evening lecture and the Friday evening prayer-meetin', and the singin' school, just as reg'lar as a clock, and, so he did; and afterward they always walked home the longest way. Fathers may jest as well let their daughters be courted in the house peaceable, 'cause if they can't be courted in the house they'll find places where they can be; it's jest human natur'."—*Atlantic Monthly.*

SOMETHING TO LOOK TO.—Mr. Forster, in his "Life of Charles Dickens," gives us this: "An archdeacon," wrote Mr. Carlyle to me, "with his own venerable lips repeated to me, the other night, a strange profane story of a solemn clergyman who had been administering ghostly consolation to a sick person. Having finished, satisfactorily as he thought, and got out of the room, he heard the sick person ejaculate: 'Well, thank God, *Pickwick* will be out in ten days, any way!' This is dreadful."

Don't cram the child at school; it is bad for the brain; nor at the table—it is bad for the stomach; both bring doctor's visits.

TENNYSON, BAILEY, BROWNING.

In 1830 was published the first volume of the leading master of the time, Tennyson. The influence of this great artist has been immense. He has carried perfection of verbal form and metrical structure to its uttermost; and has attained so precise a balance between thought and expression, has thrown so much suggestion into his music, and so rich a thrill of harmony into his inventions and imagery, that, if we regard fineness of execution alone, we might almost say that the predecessors of Tennyson, as an entire class, look somewhat crude and off-hand in comparison. But this would be more a literary than a genuinely critical judgment. The perfection of a lyric by Shelley, for instance, is not quite the same as the perfection of a lyric by Tennyson; the former is less exact and more impulsive; less intended and more inspired; less provable, not a jot less absolute; more intrinsic, less extrinsic. We inspect it less, and recognize it equally. From the special nature of his excellencies, the influence of Tennyson has been to cultivate executants, not to nerve inventors to courageous attempts; he has fostered literary poetry, but not promoted—save in his own admirable performances—the interests of personal poetry.

Just as the fame of Tennyson was getting well established, another poetical meteor crossed the horizon—Philip James Bailey, with his "Festus." This was in 1839; and, probably, no poet of the current half century has excited a more positive enthusiasm, has enlisted more zealous faith or kindled loftier hopes than Bailey. At the present day "Festus" is little read. It has, indeed, become a portentous bulk of words; the author having been so ill-advised as to swell out the always inflated dimensions of his book by adding to them huge accretions of other matter that ought either not to have been published at all, or, at any rate, to have been retained (as some of it at first did appear) in a separate form of publication. The immense ambition of the author of "Festus" is a striking phenomenon. He undertook, before the age of twenty, this vast elemental drama, in which the speaker is God, and the last scene the end of the world. "Festus" has a somewhat Swedenborgian tone of theology; it is also conspicuously Swedenborgian in its enormous sweep, and the diluvial overflow of its pages. It is the poem of magnitude, and has many truly great tones and utterances amid the unmeasured swirl and rumble of its march. I have called Mr. Bailey a poetical meteor: it may be feared that at the present day many count him a mere poetical *ignis fatuus*, but this is, I think, much less than justice to a man of exalted facility and memorable handiwork. Unfortunately there is a limit to the reading powers of readers; and the poets who will not restrict their writing powers proportionately have to pay the forfeit.

Browning's first avowed poem, "Pareelsus," appeared in 1835; it had been preceded by the anonymous "Pauline," in 1833. Mr. Browning's has been well termed by Mr. Buxton Forman (and not improbably by others) "psychological poetry;" and the critic has forcibly pointed out the importance of the monologue in the form of our poet's work. One of the first things that you appreciate in Browning is his many-sidedness; passion, imagination, mental and moral analysis, knowledge of life, pictorial and picturesque *couleur locale*, the devious preferences of a scholar and a student of all sorts of things, past and present, make up a most extraordinary personality, whether individual or literary. Perhaps the main-spring of his whole performance is intellectual keenness; the insight to discern and discriminate, the equally patient, tenacious, and eager energy in scrutinizing. His mind flows into every crany of his subject, and he presents it to the reader, concrete in itself, and informed beside with new vitality from the mental processes which replenish its forms. It might be compared to one of those anatomical or microscopical preparations into which some coloring matter has been poured, so as to exhibit all its otherwise undefined veining. One can easily understand that the great danger of such a poet lies in his very subtlety. In manipulating his subject matter, he teases and tangles it; in addressing the reader, he piles him confusingly—not, perhaps, confusedly—with thought upon thought, suggestion after suggestion, and side-light traversing side-light.

APRIL PHILOSOPHERS.—Rev. Dr. John Hall, of New York, makes a few entries in the *Ledger* to the credit of the devotees of the first of April. We recognize, he says, the prejudice with which that common noun is regarded which custom, from Hindostan to San Francisco, and from early ages to our own, has connected with the first of April. No one is conciliated by being called a fool. And no one is in the way of being instructed if not in some degree conciliated. We aim to instruct. We discard the obnoxious word. We write to, and of, April philosophers. Are there any of you, ladies, receiving attentions from loafers, sots and idle dependants on the bounty of others, who make violent love to you, declare that they want nothing to steady them and convert them into self-respecting, sober, industrious men but the light of your eyes, the sunshine of your presence, and all the rest; who tell you that you hold in your fair hands the key of their destiny, that with you as their wives, idols, treasures, etc., (fill in at will), they will turn a sharp corner at noon of their wedding day—the leopard will change his spots, the Ethiopian his skin—and become all that a wife could desire? Are you believing them, ladies? Do you mean to have them and await the transformation? We raise our hats to you, ladies, as the foremost among April philosophers. Gentlemen, are you sending flowers, notes, and neat little gifts to young ladies, who can dress, flirt, make a figure at a party and do nothing else, and expecting when they have taken the talisman of your rings and your honored names, they will at once become capable, efficient, prudent, wisely-managing matrons, content on a slender income, and glad of the modest retirement of your simple home? In the lush of this, are you offering to them your handsome selves? Gentlemen, we salute you, and award you a high place among the April philosophers. Do you expect, ladies and gentlemen, that you can begin life poor, accept incomes of which you spend the double, make up the balance by subterranean methods, be free and easy, choose your society, play an independent part, carry quiet hearts in your bosoms, and evade investigations, disturbance, and discovery? Do you suppose you can construct happy homes, train up virtuous children, promote the welfare of your fellow-citizens, and further the greatness of the republic on this plan? If you do, we hail you as eminent among the philosophers of this vernal month.

INSOLENCE OF HUMOR.—How much of all that passes for humorous is simply profane, or indecent, or brutal? Half the humorous stories that pass current in the world are unfit for publication. The great humorists, from Rabelais to Swift or Sterne, are no longer quotable in their naked reality; and as the world becomes more decorous humor becomes tongue-tied and obsolete. Of the jests that survive, half, again, owe their merit to their inhumanity. Look at any of the current stories of Douglas Jerrold, who passed for a humorist in these later days. Every recorded jest of his that I have seen is a gross heavility made palatable by a pun. The substance of each phrase is, You are a fool; the art consists in so wrapping the insolence in a play of words that the hearers laugh, and the victim is deprived of sympathy. "It was your father, then, who was not so handsome?" is one of Talleyrand's brilliant retorts to a man who spoke of his mother's beauty. What is this but to say "You are an ugly beast," and yet to evade the legitimate resentment of the sufferer? If the poor wretch had some harmless vanity, and fancied that some reflection of a mother's beauty still lingered upon his misshapen features, would any man of decent kindheartedness tear away this poor little salve to self-esteem for the sake of a laugh? *Disons de bons mots mauvais caractere*, says Pascal: and he never said a truer thing.

Mrs. John Adams was an early advocate of Woman's Rights. She wrote to her husband at a critical time, as follows: "I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to ferment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

Do the best you can, whatever you undertake. If you are only a street-sweeper, sweep your very best.

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Programme for the Inaugural Ceremonies.

The official programme for the opening of the Centennial on the 10th of May, has been made public. The following is the full text of the document:

THE U. S. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.
PHILADELPHIA, April 20, 1876.

To the President of the United States:

SIR—In obedience to the law constituting this organization, I have the honor to submit on behalf of the commission, a schedule of the ceremonies to be observed at the opening of the International Exhibition of 1876, on the 10th prox.

Formal invitations to attend have been sent to the President of the United States, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the Diplomatic Corps, the Congress, the Government Centennial Board, the Governors of the States and Territories and their staffs, the Legislature of Pennsylvania, the city authorities of Philadelphia, the chief officers of the army and navy, the Women's National Centennial Committee, the foreign Commissioners to the Exhibition, the Centennial Board of Finance, and others in official position, and officials connected with the work of the Exhibition.

On the morning of May 10 the grounds and buildings in general will be open to the public at 9 A. M. The Memorial Hall or Art Gallery, the Main Building and the Machinery Hall, will be reserved to the invited guests and the exhibitors until the close of the ceremonies about noon, when the restrictions will be removed.

The services will take place in the open air upon the south terrace of Memorial Hall, fronting the main building, in full view of the general public, invited guests, unless other wise notified to the contrary, will enter the main building by way of the carriage concourse at the east end of that building, or by the north, middle or western doors thereof. These enclosures will be open to them at 9 A. M.

The music will be under the direction of Theodore Thomas, assisted by Dudley Buck, with an orchestra of one hundred and fifty, and a chorus of eight hundred.

It is expected that the guests will be seated in the amphitheatre prepared on the south front of Memorial Hall, at 10.15 A. M. The orchestra will play the national airs of all countries represented at the exhibition.

The President of the United States will be escorted to the grounds by Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, and a division or more of troops from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, arriving about 10.30 A. M.

PROGRAMME.

1. Centennial Inauguration March, by Richard Wagner, Germany.
2. Prayer, by Right Rev. Bishop Simpson of Philadelphia.
3. Hymn, by John G. Whittier; music by John K. Paine, of Massachusetts; orchestral and organ accompaniment.
4. Cantata; the words by Sidney Lanier of Georgia; music by Dudley Buck, of Connecticut; orchestral and organ accompaniment.
5. Presentation of the Exhibition to the President by the Centennial Commission.
6. Address by the President of the United States.

The declaration that the Exhibition is open will be followed by the raising of flags, salutes of Artillery, the ringing of chimes, and Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus with organ and orchestral accompaniment.

The Foreign Commissioners will pass into the Main Building and take places opposite their respective sections. The President of the United States and the guests of the day will pass through the Main Building.

The Foreign Commissioners, upon the President's passing them, will cross to Machinery Hall. There, at the proper moment, the President will set in motion the great engine and all the machinery connected therewith.

A brief reception by the President of the United States in the Judges' Pavilion will close the formal observances of the day.

The Centennial Commission is happy to report that the buildings and grounds, so far as the Commission and Board of Finance are directly responsible, will be quite completely ready on the appointed day. The exhibits from foreign countries are extensive and brilliant beyond our anticipations. It would be too much to expect that every exhibitor should have his space in perfect order at the opening, though the most strenuous efforts to that end will be continually made; but the Commission ventures to think that no previous exhibition was so far advanced at the same relative day. The Commission has been brave to ask the President to communicate this report to Congress soon, and most respectfully invites both houses to attend the opening ceremonies of the International Exhibition held in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the declaration of our national independence.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOSEPH R. HAWLEY,
President Centennial Commission.

—The late Charlotte Cushman's will was admitted to probate at Newport on Monday. The estate is left to three trustees, who are given full power and discretion in its management. The income is to be applied in the payment of annuities of various amounts to relatives and friends. A brother, Charles A. Cushman, receives $1,500 a year during life; two nieces in England, $750 each, which is to be increased to $1,000 upon marriage; three half-nieces in New York, $333 33 each; Mrs. Isabella Webb, a half-sister, $5 per week; Emma Stebbins, the sculptress, $1,500 a year; Harriet and Helen Vieger of London, $450 a year each; Sallie Mercer, colored servant, $500 a year and free rent of a house in Philadelphia. The house at Newport is to be kept for the use of Emma Stebbins, Sallie Mercer, and the family of E. G. Cushman. After paying the annuities mentioned in the will, the remaining net income is to be paid to Miss Cushman's nephew, Mr. Edwin C. Cushman, and his children. In case Mr. Cushman should die childless, he is authorized to dispose of the estate by will. The trustees named in the will are Mr. Wayman Crow, Mr. Edwin C. Cushman, and Mr. William A. Hargadine, all of St Louis, Mo.

A religious sect called the Order of Penitents exists in Colorado and New Mexico, the chief doctrine of which is that sins can only be condoned by bodily suffering. In Lent they punish themselves, the leaders hearing confessions and prescribing penalties. Flagellation is commanded in many instances, and the Denver *News* describes one occasion as follows: "A lifer, priest, and image-bearer emerged first followed by the penitents, each one carrying a whip. These whips are made from the dried leaves of the soap weed. With each step each penitent struck himself with the whip across the naked back. The blows are very regular—right, left, right, left—and in a few moments the whip lashes were crimson with blood. For three miles these self-torturers walked and whipped themselves, though toward the last they were the weak from pain and loss of blood to wield the scourges with any force."

—After a hard struggle through many difficulties the *Christian Union* Publishing Company has collapsed. The paper itself still lives, but in future will be published by a new company. A few months before the Tilton-Beecher trial the editor of the *Christian Union* printed a sworn statement to the effect that the circulation was over 125,000 copies. The advertising patronage was large, and the concern was prosperous. Within a year the paper has lost 100,000 subscribers, and to-day the circulation is within 25,000 copies. A short time ago, it being necessary to raise money or stop the paper, and as none was forthcoming from the stockholders, the managers resolved to sell out. A new company, therefore, has been formed, with a capital of $40,000, to carry on the publication of the paper.

—Governor Hartranft has issued a proclamation calling attention to a joint resolution of Congress requesting the people of the United States to assemble in their several counties or towns on the approaching Fourth of July, for the purpose of suitably celebrating the Centennial anniversary of our independence. The Governor desires that this recommendation be complied with by the people of this State; and that the suggestion that a historical sketch of each county be prepared and delivered to the Librarian of Congress be also carried out. It will be a magnificent thing to have our next Independence day honored in this manner all over the United States.

—The managers of the State Fair in Michigan are bold enough to give premiums for the best edited and printed local paper in the State, and they undertake to decide this question for themselves. In 1873, the premium was won by the *Allegan Journal*, of Allegan Michigan, a paper of twenty years' standing, which is well worth a premium apart from any other competitive trial with other papers.

[Correspondence of the Bucks County Gazette.]

NEW YORK LETTER.

NEW YORK, May 2, 1876.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—I like to hear Recorder Hacket decla e himself. He has a t oroughgoing, hearty way of administering justice that is refreshing in these degenerate days, and whether upon the bench or in one of his impromptu speeches at the Press Club, where he is always a welcome guest, he manifests a rugged purpose of combating evils and shams, which I cannot but admire. In his charge to the Grand Jury yesterday, he uttered some stinging words respecting the prevalent vice of the day, the rascality of the rich, which should find a responsive echo in the heart of every honest judge in the land. He said: "Better allow a score of unfortunates, even though guilty, to stand over on your calendar, than to give procrastination to the embezzler, the commercial swindler, and, above all, to that modern monster in business circles, the fraudulent trustee, whose plausibility, social finish, and acquisition of commercial confidence, only serve to strew his cunning pathway with victims. Whether you find him in the counting room, in the bank parlor, or in the brown stone or marble mansion, make an example of him, should facts warrant." This is the sort of talk the community needs, and action to correspond with it.

A few days ago, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, rescued a little girl, eight years old, from the clutches of a rawboned, ferocious, merciless Irish hag named Connor. This demoniac woman had for four years amused herself by torturing her little victim, starving her, beating her, tearing her hair out by the roots, tipping her ears loose from her head, knocking her down and jumping on her, mashing the bones of one of her arms with a big stone, etc., etc. For some strange reason this she-fiend and her husband, who participated in the infliction of these shocking cruelties, were allowed to go at liberty, on trifling bail, pending the judicial investigation yesterday, and, of course, when they were wanted yesterday, they could not be found, having fled to parts unknown. The child has been sent to the Catholic Protectory. The only excuse the Connor's woman offered for her brutality was that all children needed correction to make them good, and I wanted to make an angel of little Ellen." Well, if they had let her alone with her process a little longer, she no doubt would have "made an angel" of the child. The wonder is that she had not done so already. But if this is the Irish way of making angels, I don't think there can be much gratitude among the heavenly hosts for their elevation by such means.

Delancey Kane's daily coach from the city to Pelham bridge, made its first trip yesterday, and its novelty attracted much attention. It is rather strange, this going back to the times of our grandfathers in modes of locomotion, and very pleasant, too, in delightful spring weather, where one is not in a hurry, and only wants an open air ride of a couple of hours to a charming country hotel for lunch, and then back to town. But however much its friends may endeavor to throw a glamour of romance about it, the stage coach is out of place in this busy age, and especially in this most go-ahead active country. When an American wants to go anywhere, the railroad is what he prefers, and the fastest train is the one that has most charms for him. For a summer novelty, the coach will no doubt be very popular—indeed the seats in this one are engaged already for weeks to come—but in hoping for anything more, I think the sanguine friends of the enterprise are doomed to disappointment.

Funny games our politicians have among themselves through all the legislative session, one "setting up pins" against another by every cunning and unscrupulous device, and somebody either brought to grief or achieving a wicked triumph by nearly every act that is passed. Of course every city and country department is struggling constantly for legislation against every other, and, generally, in each department there is an internecine war between opposing cliques and factions. The latest and most amusing development of this sort is in connection with that paradox of nomenclature, the Marine Court,—so called, because almost all things except marine suits come within its jurisdiction. The chief clerk of the court managed to have passed an act which took away from the judges all powers of appointments of their own clerks and officers, and had another bill nearly through, which was to continue him in office for six years independent of the judges. But just at this point, they found out what was going on, that they were rapidly being legislated into the position of mere figure heads, and went for vengeance. Before the chief clerk could could get his second bill passed, they chopped off his official head. It was "rough" on a young man of so much enterprise, but may teach him a salutary lesson.

England's famous pugilist, Joe Goss, is here now, giving sparring exhibition with Jem Mace in a circus, and you would be surprised to see how many people of quiet habits and ultra respectability, who have not smelt the sawdust or heard a clown since their childhood, have suddenly developed an interest in equestrian sports. Of course they all wait to see Mace and Goss spar, "it's so inconvenient to get out through the crowd," you know. The fact is that of late years a great increase of taste for athletic sports has been cultivated among our people. "Learning to handle the gloves" is now almost a necessary part of the education of a young man in good society, and I would not be at all astonished if within five years from the present time, the prize ring grows into something of its old time favor in this country. Its doing so depends in the greatest degree upon the pugilists themselves, and I happen to know that at this very time, some of the most prominent men of the P. R. in the United States and England are endeavoring to bring about such reforms of the vices of late years associated with their profession, as will render it almost respectable.

Annie Eva Fay, a humbug exhibitor of pretended spirit seances, has been called on to pay her $500 license, like any other showman, and there is wailing among the mediums who have been making many shekels out of the credulity of the public. SANS NOM.

—The marine disasters during April, to vessels belonging to, or from American ports, numbered 37. The value of the vessels destroyed, inclusive of their cargoes, being estimated at $510,000. Two steamers were destroyed, one of them the "William P. Clyde" of Philadelphia. Three ships and four barks were wrecked, only one of them however, being an American vessel, the bark "T. G. Norwood," of Maine. There were six brigs and twenty-two schooners wrecked, among them being the American brig "Maria Wheeler," bound from Guantenamo to Philadelphia. The name of no Philadelphia vessel appeared in the list of disasters during April.

—The *North American* speaks thus of Pennsylvania attitude at Cincinnati:—"We profess no prophetic power, but it requires none to know that Roscoe Conkling cannot have the vote of this State in the Convention, and it is doubtful whether he could get it afterward if nominated. If for no other reason our delegates would refuse to vote for him because of his malignant opposition to every stage of progress of the project of the Centennial Exposition." The same paper believes that the majority of the people of Pennsylvania are earnestly in favor of James G. Blaine.

—The fire at Williamsport, Pa., on last Friday night, destroyed nearly 12 acres of manufactured white pine lumber, comprising between nine and ten millions of feet. The loss is estimated at $125,000. It was the work of an incendiary. The principal sufferers are Heralie & Maynard, who lost $50,000, and Ransteal & Flynn, $35,000. Assistance was sent from Lock Haven, Sunbury and Watsontown, but the fire was not controlled until it had spent its force. At midnight, the glare of the flames was visible at Milton, 25 miles distant.

—The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided that a register, county clerk or recorder of deeds, mortgages, etc., is liable to damages for a false certificate of search for encumbrances on land.

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THE STATE CAPITOL.

HARRISBURG, May 2, 1876.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—In your last news from the State Capitol your readers were given a synopsis of the report of the Boom Investigating Committee, in which charges were preferred against Petroff and Lynott, members of the House then, but members no longer. From the report of the Committee, on Monday, the whole of last week, with the exception of Tuesday, was consumed by the House in attempting to find a way out of the intricate labyrinth into which it had been led. One day the House could have been seen in the position of trying to resolve itself into a High Court of Impeachment; the next in trying to send the matter back to the Committee, with instructions to do their work over again, and the coup *de grace* of the week's work, on Friday, was sending the boom bill back to the Senate and asking the Speaker of that body to sign and transmit it to the governor before it had been purged of the corruption which surrounded it, and before even any definite action in that direction had been taken.

On Monday morning, after a quiet Sunday for cogitation, the House resumed the consideration of the matter with a seemingly clearer insight into the "true inwardness" of the conduct of its misguided members than had at any time theretofore been manifested. A resolution embodying the expulsion of Representatives Petroff and Lynott for conduct unbecoming a member, was proposed by Mr. Hays, Chairman of the Investigating Committee, and an attempt made to introduce it. The friends of Petroff, however, insisted on their right to a trial before the bar of the House, and the resolution was consequently withdrawn for this purpose. A hearing was accorded to Mr. Petroff through his counsel, I. Alex. Simpson, Esq. Messrs. Wolfe, Hays and Christy were appointed managers of the case on the part of the House. This trial, to speak of it truthfully, was nothing but a farce. It consisted chiefly of a rehearsing of the testimony of Captain Skinner, Journal Clerk, and that of Petroff himself. An opportunity was then given the counsel of Petroff to get off an argument founded on the lame premises that Petroff was a legislative reformer, who started into this business for the purpose of exposing the lobby for the bill. A fine chance was also given to Wolfe *et al*, to get off high sounding speeches on the spread-eagle style; when after a tiresome session, lasting late into the evening, a vote upon the resolution of expulsion was reached, and by a two-thirds vote of all present Mr. Petroff was declared expelled from his seat as a member of the House of Representatives.

This morning the trial of Mr. Lynott was next in order. A rumor afloat that he intended if possible, to evade expulsion by resigning, promptly drew from the indefatigable Hays, Chairman of the Investigating Tribunal, at the opening of the morning's session, a resolution of expulsion. It then transpired that the resignation of Mr. Lynott was actually in the hands of the Speaker, and persistent efforts were made by his counsel, Mr. Stanton, to have it read before action was taken on the resolution. This failing, the defense abandoned their case, and withdrawing, allowed the resolution to pass uncontested, when Mr. Lynott was also declared expelled from his seat as a member of the House.

Then followed the resignation of Journal Clerk Skinner, and its acceptance by Chief Clerk Woolever, whose appointee Skinner was. The House having no jurisdiction in the matter this action could not be prevented. Having thus summarily disposed of the boom, the House settled down to business, and passed a number of bills upon their reading, the first work of the kind for a week. It now remains with the Senate to finally dispose of this disgraceful boom business. At the request of Senator Bayer it has appointed a sub-committee to report upon the case of that gentleman. Further action with regard to Mr. Bayer is suspended until that committee is heard from.

The boom bill being sent to the Senate this morning for the signature of the Speaker, a question was raised that it could not be received, and this is the question which now agitates the minds of learned Senators. Its discussion was entered into to-day and will be resumed to-morrow.

In my next and closing letter I will give your readers a resume of the work of the session.

B.

[For the Bucks County Gazette.]

THOMAS PAINE.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—Perhaps your readers as well as yourself are getting tired of this subject, and as it has now come to a war of words, I shall only ask your forbearance for the present time, assuring you A. E. shall have the last word if he so desires.

A. E. in the first paragraph admits all that I, at least, have been writing for. It has come to the point at last that Paine is only claimed to be as good as the generality of mankind in his general character and an intemperate person in his particular one. What then do his supporters find in such a character for such great laudations as they shower upon him when they erect monuments, build memorial halls, and present him as a pattern for the young men of our country? But to have his intemperance admitted by his subjects is something, and then to have their god brought down to the level of the generality of mankind is all that is required.

Second paragraph again questions the authority of statements. But is the testimony of an avowed friend, written long after the events occurred, to be taken as a sufficient rebuttal of that which was current at the time they happened, unless corroborative evidence is also given. It is well enough for Cho Rickman to make a broad and sweeping assertion that Cheetham's writings are a "farrago of silly, trifling, and malicious matter," but to support these assertions there is no evidence given. The statements of events are all we can judge by, not the motives or philosophy of a man's deeds. I admit that on a trial for a single act great caution should be used in prejudicing a jury against the person tried, but it will not do for counsel to make assertions against even false evidence, unless he can show some probability of his side being right. Oldys and Cheetham might have been arrant knaves and yet their testimony to facts be so strong that only counter-evidence could be admitted against them; and, until such is shown, there the matter rests. No one wants to believe anything but the truth, but every one should have fairness enough to stand by the rules of evidence, if they value the truth.

Third paragraph so far opens facts as to bring the matter to a definite point on the dismissal from the excise. If Oldys was right in this, why could he not be right about the ill-usage of his first wife? The charge is not so easily dismissed without evidence.

A. E. thinks I have done an unwarrantable action in introducing the names of Belknap, &c., because they were under trial and not found guilty. I think there is nothing more unwarrantable in this than for the papers to publish the evidence in the case. The parallel between them and Paine is that they were suspicioned of unfair practice and that the evidence shows the case made out to the public, whether they are ever found guilty by a court or not.

A. E. calls upon me to give my authority for stating that Paine seduced the wife of a friend, and for calling him a lewd fellow. In answer to the first point I would refer him to Bishop McIlvaine's "Evidences of Christianity," Lecture XI, and assure him that that author did not state things on insufficient testimony, nor as I am aware, was the fact ever before denied. I suppose, however, A. E. will consider his denial positive proof when he can show the statement was given by a Bishop. In answer to the second point, I think the public will agree with me, that a man who killed one wife by ill-usage, separated from a second, and then lived with the wife of a friend after he had seduced her, comes very near the definition of a "lewd person." There may be nothing very dishonorable in a man's being separated from his wife; but when it can be asserted that it was because she was rendered so miserable by neglect and unkindness that they separated by mutual agreement, it certainly shows such a man to be below the generality of mankind in conjugal morals, much more below the standard of a virtuous man.

In answer to the seventh paragraph, if you can spare the space, please insert the following from the New York *Tribune*:

In the journal of Stephen Grellet, a noted and most worthy minister of the Society of Friends, I find the following record, made in the Fall of 1809:

I may not omit recording here the death of Thomas Paine. A few days previous to my leaving home on my last religious visit, on hearing he was ill and in a very destitute condition, I went to see him, and found him in a wretched state; for he had been so neglected and forsaken by his pretended friends that the common attentions to a sick man had been withheld from him. The skin of his body was in some places worn off, which greatly increased his sufferings. A nurse was provided for him, and some needful comforts supplied. He was mostly in a state of stupor, but something that passed between us had made such an impression upon him that some time after my departure he sent for me, and on being told that I was gone from home, he sent for another Friend. This induced a valuable young Friend, (Mary Rascue,) who had resided in my family and continued to reside at Greenwich during a part of my absence, frequently to go and take him some little refreshment suitable for an invalid. Once when she was there, three of his destitute associates came to the door, and in a loud, unfeeling manner, said: "Tom Paine, we hear you are turning Christian, but we hope you will die as you have lived;" and then went away. On which, turning to Mary Rascue, he said: "You see what miserable comforters they are." Once he asked her if she had ever read any of his writings, and on being told she had read very little of them, he lamented what she thought of them, adding, "from such a one as you I expect a correct answer." She told him that when very young his "Age of Reason" was put into her hands, but that the more she read it the more dark and distressed she felt, and she threw the book into the fire. "I wish all had done as you," he replied; "for if the devil ever had any agency in any work, he has had it in my writing that book." When going to carry him some refreshments, she repeatedly heard him uttering the language, "O, Lord." "Lord God," or "Lord Jesus have mercy upon me."

Thus the poor infidel, wretched in body and mind, received at the last his only administrations of comfort from hands prompted by hearts filled with the love of the Lord Jesus, whom he had denied and reviled.

Very truly, &c.,
W. H. LADD.

Brooklyn, 3d mo., 25th day, 1876.

A. E. thinks he has answered my charge of his being "tricky and perfidious." To substantiate his denial he has arranged a long list of incidents, none of which, when fully exhibited, bear on the charge. To my mind they prove my side. Why should a meeting be called six months after he had resigned to support him? Why should the University of Pennsylvania grant him such honors when he was under suspicion? Or, why should the Pennsylvania Legislature elect him clerk when he could not hold an office under Congress, except that he was tricky enough to get into power by his wits? The case has many parallels, and our country has witnessed such in the past few years in more than one case in the south. The gift of 1785 was long before he was suspicioned of being "perfidious." I think candid readers will admit that his entire life from 1788 till his death exhibits him as "tricky and perfidious."

The matter of his time of imprisonment is of very little moment. It is evident that he was very loose in his ways and statements, and therefore the reader has to draw his own conclusions.

In regard to Grant Thorburn's story I will only say, that for honesty, integrity, and truthfulness no man who ever lived bears a clearer record, and he relates that Paine told it to him—which only makes the doubt worse for Paine's side. I did not say that it was right to calumniate a fellow-man, but this was evidently an oversight in zeal of A. E.

There is one thing remarkable in the history of Paine, and that is how many gifts of houses, of lands, of testimonials, and sympathy he received. Were such a thing to happen in this day it would be considered a got up job. It was well enough, perhaps, in those unsophisticated days, were it not more remarkable that we do not hear of such things being conferred on Washington, Franklin, Adams, Putnam and other Revolutionary heroes; but, perhaps Paine had the tact of making his services presently appreciated, while it remained for posterity to discover the great benefits the other worthies had conferred upon them. Some men now have this tact, and it is by blowing hot and cold as the occasion suits that they do it.

In conclusion, let me say that if in my remarks I have appealed to have calumniated either the public or private character of Thomas Paine, I will make an open apology when I am shown good evidence, not bare assertion, of my being wrong. I have adhered to facts which have been recorded by others with full faith in their general truth, nor have I ever seen anything to make me doubt them. The course his friends have taken have made many no doubt calumniate him (not intentionally, however,) in their zeal to deaden the evil their course has seemed to threaten; but calumny sits no heavier on his head than facts, in truth not so heavy, and it is wondrous strange that in this 19th century there can be found those who will exalt such a profligate character. Adieu, B.

[For the Bucks County Gazette.]

THOMAS PAINE.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—Having read lately articles in the GAZETTE of a bitter, malignant character over the signature of B., relative to placing the portrait of Thomas Paine with the other heroes of our Revolutionary period—of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, and others—with the mild and dignified replies of A. E. are in bold contrast with the unchristian view of B.

The following, taken from the Boston *Investigator*, of the 19th inst., may illustrate some points that some of your readers may appreciate:

We have received some eight or ten copies of the article in the New York *Tribune*, sneering at Thomas Paine because his admirers are raising subscriptions to purchase a marble bust of him to be placed in Independence Hall, during this Centennial Year. But as we have already noticed the article, perhaps farther notice of it is unnecessary, more especially as it is the same old story that we have pointed, exposed, and refuted, about every six months for the last thirty-eight years. So it is a story that Christians "will not willingly let die," for having outlived two generations it has commenced its march upon the third. It consists of two parts, one of which is wrong, and so is the other. The first is, that Paine was poor. This, however, was not a very serious offence, even if it were true; Jesus himself was not a rich man, but it is not a fact that Paine was poor, though he was not a millionaire like the *Tribune* editor, and did not wear as good "store clothes" as he. Some people have nothing to recommend them but their money and their clothes, and such people are the worst kind of paupers. But Paine, besides his splendid talents that have made him world-renowned, had a real $30,000 in cash, which was something of a fortune in his day, nearly seventy years ago. Our Christian brethren will soon have to vary this part of their tune, and call him the *rich* Tom Paine!

The second part of the pious fraud, that he was intemperate, is no better sustained than the charge that he was poor. We have known reliable men,—like Judge Hertell and Amasa Woodworth,—who knew Paine personally, and they have assured us that there is not a single word of truth in the old, stereotyped, Christian slang about his intemperate habits. Even if he did drink occasionally, as was the custom with Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, and is said to be now with President Grant, it would not have made him a victim of intemperance. A man who indulges moderately in drink, like the men we have named, is not a drunkard, and it is all nonsense to say that he is.

But this is a digression, and we return to the subject with which we commenced—Thomas Paine. We cannot learn, from what we have been informed by those who knew him, that he was even a moderate drinker habitually. He was not intemperate before he came to this country, nor was he so considered during the Revolution, nor while he was a member of the French Assembly. But, after he wrote his "Age of Reason," he "fell like Lucifer from Heaven," and was found out for the first time to be a frightful wretch who did scarcely anything more than curse God and drink himself "the head and front of his offending" was, that he was a religious heretic; but, in being a mental as well as political reformer, he showed his brave consistency and utter disregard of mere popularity. The freedom of the mind contended for in his "Age of Reason," is as important as the political liberty maintained in his "Rights of Man."

Thomas Paine, or Tom Paine, the head, front, and back of the great malignant hatred and continued religious malice to his memory—which was, and is, caused by his advocacy of freedom, free thought, at that early period, and his disbelief in the immaculate conception of the Saviour, and other superstitions of that day—was a deist, like Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, and a host of others, in the days of our early revolution, and by his keen pen was the chief cause of uniting the people in obtaining our independence, the hundredth year of which we are about celebrating.

Washington generally attended Christ Church for religious devotion when in Philadelphia, and, it is said, when the Sacrament, or Communion, was about being administered, he would vacate his seat and the temple.

Grant Thorburn, to whom B. alludes, was one of the bitter enemies of Tom Paine, whose religious animosity and bitter hatred was so intense, that if any one did not believe that children were brought forth in original sin, not a span long, he held that they were, and are, writhing in dreadful torment and agony to a never-ending eternity, in a hell of burning fire and brimstone, controlled and witnessed by the devil and his angels,—that a religious persecution was their doom.

Thomas Paine, the champion of our Revolution, went to France at the early period of our history, with the assurance of the protection of our government, which was not accorded when needed. He wrote to Gen. Washington on this subject, and said, "that some vices originate in so splendid a manner that it is difficult to determine their moral origin, but *meanness* and *ingratitude* have nothing equivocal in their character, nothing to render them doubtful, they are so originally vice that they crawl into existence with the filth upon their backs."

It is a matter of surprise to the reflecting mind that nearly all our religious teachers and preachers and their strong adherents are the most bitter, malignant, and persecuting to those who differ from them on matters of belief alone—when fully considered that all beliefs are involuntary. The day seems remote "when our swords shall be turned into plough-shares and spears into pruning hooks—the lion and lamb shall lay down together, and war shall be known no more forever." E. A.

—Ralph L. Rollins and B. Johnson were convicted at Chambersburg, Pa., on last Saturday, of attempting to rob the National Bank of Chambersburg, on the 24th of March. They were sentenced each to eight years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

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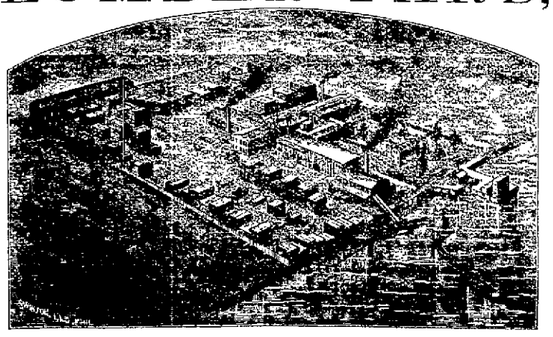

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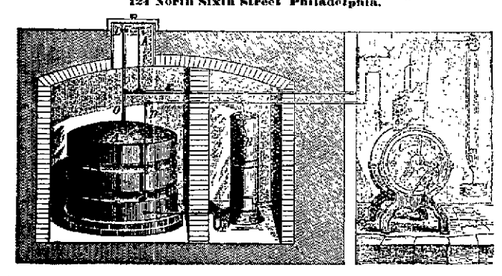

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Thursday, Apr 27	43	67	61
Friday, " 28	35	75	69
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PHILADELPHIA—Closes 5 15 and 10 45, A M 3 30, and 6 00 P M Arrives 8 10 A M, 2 30, 1 30 and 8 00, P M

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NORTH.

—A telegraph office has been opened at Torresdale

—The Bristol lock up is filled with tramps every night

—John Callahan is remodeling the house he recently purchased

—Attorney General George Lear has been confirmed by the Senate

—Trading in miners throughout the Lehigh region suspend operations for two weeks

—The post office at John A. Warner's now leaves Bristol at 7 o'clock A M, instead of 7 15

—The Directors of the Bristol Water Company propose to pay a three per cent. dividend

—The new steamboat "Columbia" will make her appearance about the 20th of this month

—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bloomsburg, of this place, celebrated their "tin wedding" last evening

—Twenty-one tramps found shelter in the basement of the Town House, on Saturday night last

—It is said the railroad fare between Bristol and Philadelphia will be reduced during the Centennial

—One hundred and nineteen loaded coal boats are lying in the Bristol basin and canal waiting for orders

—H M Wright is adding another story to his residence on Bath street, which greatly improves its appearance

—The improvements to John Bostwick's building at the corner of Mill and Pond streets are progressing rapidly

—John Alder caught a horse last night, just going off the ferry boat ship The horse is at Silliet's waiting an owner

—The vacant space between the Bristol passenger and freight depot is to be transformed into a beautiful flower garden

—"We like the GAZETTE better than ever," is what a subscriber writes, who has taken the GAZETTE from Vol I, No 1

—The village of Labaska is doing its quota of building this year, several commodious residences being erected there

—Collector Bull gives notice that all School Tax remaining unpaid after the 20 inst, will be collected at once according to Law

—The Frankford and Bristol Turnpike Company announces a dividend of one dollar and a half per share payable on the 3d inst

—The stockholders of the Bristol Water Company will hold their annual election on the 25th inst in the room above the GAZETTE office

—The conductors, train agents and brakemen on the local as well as the through trains, will appear in their nobby new uniforms tomorrow

—The old reliable Farmers' National Bank, on Tuesday, declared a semi annual dividend of 7 per cent clear of all taxes, and pay able on demand

—The annual convention of the United Home Companies of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware will be held at No 1 Arch street Philadelphia, on the 10 inst

—The "Blind Home" at Conversville has been leased to Col B S Heath for the purpose of entertaining summer boarders from Philadelphia and elsewhere

—Hewstone work on the handsome residence of Joseph Kerns, is being pushed rapidly forward Jonathan Wright, one of Bristol's useful citizens, has the contract for the same

—According to Rowell's Newspaper Directory, for 1876, the BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE has the largest circulation with but one exception of the weekly newspapers published in the County

—Orders for iron cone rolling in at the new Rolling mill in excess of its capacity, which is a comfortable thing for the firm to contemplate considering the general stagnation of the monetide

—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company now require the owners of private sidings to give bond in the sum of three thousand dollars, conditioned upon their keeping the main track clear of obstructions

—At the regular monthly meeting of the Bristol Building Association held last Monday evening, two loans were sold to Joseph H Vincent at $24, three to Mrs Lear, at 21 75 and six to Robert Snyder, at $17 premium Each

—Mr William Bache, who has given great thought to the subject, has consented to deliver his entertaining lecture on the "Life and Genius of John Fitch, the inventor of the Steamboat, before the Washington Assembly, on Saturday evening

—The first locomotive that run over this railroad and two funny looking little green cars went over the road last Sunday, bound for the Centennial The bell sounded like a dinner bell, and the whistle was of very diminutive power

—Nicholas Brown of Bristol a laborer on the railroad, while going up on a hand car last Tuesday towards Tullytown, was struck in the head with the handle used in propelling the car and was seriously injured His physician entertains but little hopes of his recovery

—A tramp, who gave his name as James Lynch stole a pair of boots from the house of Jacob White, near Tullytown, last Tuesday He was arrested by J Wilson Closson, had a hearing before Squire Bailey and was sent up to Doylestown yesterday morning to swell the number of those who inhabit the jail

—List of letters remaining in the Bristol Post Office, Wednesday, May 3d, 1876—Robert Butler Geo Cramer, Mary E Cramer, Mrs Carter, Maggie Gallagan, Joseph Gifford Matthew Glennon R B Gutman, M Holt, C. W Hulse, Jane Heaton, Charles L Lowery Annie Lynch, John Lamb, Mary Milligan, Caroline Morton, Joseph M. McCall, Eliza Phillips, Rachel Roverson, Samuel Robinson, John Sheen, James Shepard, Christina Swanson, Annie Smith, Hattie Stager, Thos Twinning, John Lynan, Miss Wilson, William Wolff, Allen F Woodington

—The New York and Philadelphia New Line was inspected last Thursday by a number gentlemen This is composed of the North Pennsylvania R R from Philadelphia to Yardleyville, the Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad thence to Bound Brook, and the Central Railroad of New Jersey thence to New York, making a through distance from Philadelphia to New York City, under one organization, of 88 4-10 miles A special train with 300 guests left New York at 8 45 A M, arriving in Philadelphia at 12 15 P M The train ran directly to the Centennial Grounds Returning, the train left Philadelphia at 4 P M, arriving in New York at 7 20 P M Another train left Philadelphia at 8 45 A M, for New York with 700 guests, returning in the evening The route is now open for business

—The measles have attacked Brigham Young's family

—A new Reformed church will be dedicated at Norristown on Sunday

—A silk dress was worn at a party at Downington which was 150 years old

—The late Theodore Cuyler left no will His personal estate amounts to $70,000

—New York city shelters twenty lonesome widows worth more than $1 000,000 apiece

—A number of residents of Western Pennsylvania have purchased 4,500 acres of land in West Virginia, much of which contains bituminous coal

—A child about two years of age, named Harry Robinson, was "butted" to death by a vicious sheep, in Adams township, Butler county, a few days since

—The new iron stand-pipe of the Bloomington (Ill) water works, which has just been completed, is 225 feet high, eight in diameter, and holds nearly 100,000 gallons

—Moses F Searing, a prominent citizen of Newark N J, committed suicide yesterday by taking strychnine and then hanging himself He left a note saying he "had made it sure." He had been mentally depressed on account of heart disease

—A skiff containing four boys was capsized by a squall in the Delaware, about three miles from New Castle last Sunday afternoon The boys clung to the bottom of the boat, but were repeatedly washed off, and two of them named Meyers, were drowned The other two were saved by three gentlemen who put off from the shore.

Doylestown and Vicinity.

At the Sheriff's jury held on Tuesday last, the following properties were condemned to be sold for the payment of debts. Those of Wm C Hart, of Rockhill, John Service, of Warminster Osborn Conrad, of Nockamixon, Pierson Jones, of Plumstead, Charles Fechter, of Richland, J B Ruth, of Doylestown Borough, Wm A Long, of Warrington, Michael Keating of Bristol Mary Cannon, of Warrington, A B Iverson, of Springfield, Wm H Sellers, of Sellersville, Richard P Hiram, of Southampton, Philip H Kepler, of Hilltown the Monroeville Manufacturing company, J S Hough, of Haycock, Wallace Beck, of Hilltown, Samuel Harr, of Rockhill, and Charles P Miller, of Bensalem

Early on last Monday morning, the turnpike leading from Doylestown, was lined with numerous loads of hay on their way to the city Most of the hay is from the upper end of the county, and generally it passes through this town

The Hon George Lear, who was sometime ago appointed Attorney General of the State, by General Hartranft was confirmed by the Senate last Thursday Mr Lear's numerous friends of this county will hail this news with joy happy in the belief that now the affairs of state will be guarded with a watchful eye Of Mr Lear's capability, we all know that it is beyond question The time that has elapsed since he was first appointed will show that he has made a model officer He is as honest as the day is long, and the State will be honored when he retires over its law department The commission assures to the State his services for the next three years

The trial of Bosaid and Tettemer, at the court last week, drew many visitors into the town to hear it The prisoners were indicted and several counts in the bill of indictment, the principal one was that charging them with the house of Bosaid with an intent to cheat and defraud the Germania Insurance Company of New York The trial lasted the whole of two days, winding up about six o'clock Saturday evening The jury was out all night and about eight o'clock on Sunday came in, and rendered a verdict of guilty When the prisoners were arraigned, Tettemer pleaded guilty, and afterward turned States evidence against Bosaid

Some strangers came here last Monday and opened an auction store in the rear of Sucro's building They said they were from Philadelphia The nature of their goods are varied, consisting chiefly of notions and hosiery, &c

George Reinhart and Wm Gearhart were committed to jail last week, charged with assault and battery Reinhart hails from New Hope, and Gearhart from Warrington

From the present appearance of things I should judge that next week's court will have very little business Many of the cases that have been marked for trial then, have been continued and we feel confident that those persons who have been summoned to serve as traverse jurors, will be pleased to learn that there is every indication of an early adjournment

The Sheriff conveyed all of the criminals convicted last week, and sentenced to the penitentiary, to that institution, early on Monday morning with the exception of Bosaid, who has not yet been sentenced In his case there will be another motion for a new trial

Carpenter Notes.

Wm H Gerheart, of Warminster, who was arrested some time since for an assault and battery and gave Joshua Bennett as bail for his appearance at court, absconded on Tuesday, the 25th Mr Bennett obtained a bail piece and started for Philadelphia the same evening, and found Gerheart at Knapp's hotel, Seventh and Girard Avenue He was brought to Doylestown on Wednesday morning, and handed over to Sheriff Reinhart to await trial

John Bencel's wife, of Hatboro, left her husband, two small children, and a nice home, and eloped with Dallas Fetterman who has resided at Willow Grove for some time past

The case of George Brown, of Johnsville who was charged with an aggravated assault and battery on the person of his wife, was settled on Monday of last week, by the consent of both parties, and Brown giving security for the payment of all costs

Thomas Hellings has moved from Philadelphia to Johnsville, to a house belonging to Geo Willard

In the case of Isaac Weaver, of Hartsville who was charged with receiving stolen goods a true bill was found by the Grand Jury, but the case was not reached for trial, and so was continued on Saturday last, until September term of court

Harry Kiser, of Willow Grove was arrested recently on the charge of unmanliness and gave bail for $1 700 for his appearance at the Norristown courts

Judge Wilson issued bench warrants on Wednesday of last week on two young men of Warminster, who neglected to attend the court as witnesses in a criminal prosecution after being subpoenaed

Attleboro' Notes.

The first event has taken place, the cars are running on the new road between New York and Philadelphia, and Attleboro' seems fully alive to the new era which will soon be opened before her, occasioned by having one accommodation and four through trains stopping each way daily and one Sunday train The compliment uttered being that the late of arrival is entirely too high in comparison with the lower road and on this account there is some very heavy growling, but we think that the company will soon see that seventy cents each way (and no excursion tickets) is entirely too much during the Centennial About half the people of the boro' went down to the city on the first train down and all speak in very high terms of the pleasure of riding on the new road The cars are neat tasty and comfortable in the extreme, the engines new, bright and shining, the officers accomodating and their uniforms very pretty

The township supervisor has been improving the road between here and the station

The statement of the borough for the last year is published and generally gives satisfaction

On Wednesday, 3d inst will be celebrated the wedding of Samuel Eastburn in the new house he has just had furnished It is furnished new throughout and the happy couple will go right to keeping house We wish them much joy

Davisville Notes

An enterprising stock company has recently been formed at this place having for its object the successful carrying on of the "whistle" business At present the establishment is only open on Saturday evenings

Mrs Gen H G Sickel, of Philadelphia is among the guests of our citizens A large number of city people have made arrangements to spend the season in this section

Isaac Finney, of Warminster, has the credit of having his corn planted several days ahead of any of his neighbors Mr Finney is a go-ahead man

John Guilbert, Esq, Treasurer of the Buckingham Fire Insurance Company, received the state tax from members of that society, at Davisville, on Thursday last. This company has been remarkably free from losses during the past few years

A chicken disease has been decimating the fowl flocks of our people for some days past As per consequence, poultry powders are in demand

The Lyland hotel will be lighted by gas, manufactured on the premises.

Hulmeville Notes.

The meeting of the Y M C A last Friday evening was well attended, the exercises were of a Lyceum order and a good programme was presented

This Friday evening 5th inst the exercises will be varied, and an essay will be read by Mr Wm Bache, subject 'Depravity'

On Monday morning of this week several of our citizens went to Philadelphia from Langhorne station on the first regular passenger train run on the "New Line," probably more for the novelty of the ride than for any real purpose Although the accommodations are excellent the fares are just the reverse, seventy cents being charged But we are in hopes that the company will soon see the necessity for lowering the fares to suit the people and the prices

The special election on Friday, 28ult, resulted in the adoption of the Act of Assembly, authorizing the levying and collection of a gas, kerosine oil and water tax

—Mary Harris, who shot and killed Burroughs, a Treasury clerk, in Washington, some years ago, and was acquitted on the grounds of insanity, still lives at the capital. About a quarter of her time she is incarcerated, then released and she chooses to return again, which she does quite regularly Her face looks haggard and aimless.

—Randolph Wood, the senior member of the firm of Wood, Dialogue & Co, ship builders, whose works are situated at Kaighn's Point N J, committed suicide by shooting himself in the breast, on Saturday afternoon, at his residence There appears to be a mania for suicide just now.

—Peter S Abel, a well-known citizen of Philadelphia, and for some years manager of the Chestnut Street Theatre, committed suicide on Tuesday night by jumping from Girard avenue bridge into the Schuylkill river. A letter was found in his pocket saying that poverty led to the act

—The project of removing Cleopatra's Needle to England has been revived recently in that country. The monument was presented to George IV 'by the Pacha of Egypt more than 50 years ago, but every attempt to transport it has been abandoned.

HERE AND THERE.

—Philadelphia is now crowded with people

—The spring styles of hand-organs have arrived

—Bismarck was sixty-one years of age the 1st of April

—The Centennial Exhibition will be closed on Sundays

—Brooklyn spent almost $175,000 on church choirs last year

—He expenses of A T Stewart's funeral were but $12 000

—In China every rich man sometimes spends as much as $500 a year

—There are 10 250 American exhibitors enrolled at the Centennial

—The income of Offenbach, the composer, is said to be $60 000 a year

—The cider venders in Saco, Me, have been warned to quit the traffic.

—The grain crop of California was never better and also look well

—A Newmarket, N H, woman uses four pounds of snuff per month

—Poor old Santa Anna is still living in the city of Mexico, 80 years old

—The loss by Mr Beecher's lecture in New London, Ct was about $150

—Elizabeth, N J, has lodged 60,000 tramps during the last ten years

—The seals landed at St John, N F, the past season, number 150,000

—The signers to the temperance pledge in Portsmouth, N H, number 1,870

—San Francisco Chinamen sent over $960,000 worth of fish to China last year

—In 1875 Rochester made 84 000 barrels of ale and beer, using 217 137 bushels of malt

—A man was recently sentenced to penal servitude for life for sending a threatening letter

—It is estimated that the value of the shoepegs used annually in this country is $1,000,000

—Miss Cushman has left about $700,000 and it is rumored not one cent for charitable purposes

—Portraits of Lincoln and Charles Sumner are to be placed in the South Carolina Statehouse

—Large quantities of fresh beef are being exported to England by the English steamers from Portland

—All the Chinamen employed in the Empire watch factory in San Francisco have been discharged

—The inhabitants of Greeley, Colorado, have secured a $30 000 school house by contributing $10 apiece

—Paris proposes to name one of her streets Feb 20, in honor of the great Republican victory at the polls

—A boy at Cambridge, Mass, has just been sentenced to eight years in a reformatory, for stealing pin pigeons

—The English revisers of the Old Test ament have reached the forty fourth chapter of Jeremiah twenty first verse

—The Western crop prospects are promising, excepting for peaches in Ohio which have been damaged by cold weather

—A New York florist has just received $300, the amount of a bill for furnishing flowers to decorate the grave of a dog

—It is pretty certain that the emigration from Ireland for 1876 will be the smallest since 1851 It was only 51,462 last year

—Louise Kiralfy, of the Kiralfy troupe of dancers, was married Sunday, to Gabriel Beaulaure, a New York merchant

—The late Baroness Dirgardt of Prussia left $50 000 to found a hospital at Paris for Germans suffering from ill ness or old age

—A crevasse at "Devil's Elbow," on the Mississippi, has shortened the distance between Memphis and Cairo eighteen miles

—A Boston woman slipped into a coalhole and sustained pretty severe injuries for which she has recovered $4,583 from the city

—A careless New Jersey barber almost cut off a customer's ear, the other day and paid $300 damages rather than stand a suit

—The people of Montana have vetoed the action of the Legislature in voting a subsidy of $3,500 000 to the Northern Pacific Railroad

—Liverpool is to be supplied with water from Lake Windermere, at an estimated cost of $10, 000,000 for a daily supply of 10,000,000 gallons

—Vienna uses 41,000 hundredweight of meerschaum shavings and dust annually in making genuine meerschaum pipes and cigarholders

—Gov Smith of Georgia has spent $7,000 more than his salary during his term of office in defraying the expenses of official duties and courtesies

—There is an establishment at Passau on the Danube where eggs are dried They are said to equal fresh eggs for omelettes and for making pastry

—A buckwheat recently died in London who was found to have the heaviest brain on record, it weighed 60 ounces The man could neither read or write

—According to a decision of the Supreme Court of Nebraska railroad companies are liable for damages resulting from prairies being set on fire by engines

—Two large dry goods houses in London have well attired ready made salesmen to conduct prayers, and give addresses to the young men and women in their employ

—At the last annual banquet of the Old Guard, in Paris, recently there were only 38 present At the first banquet, twenty years ago, the soldiers numbered 600

—One half the Chinese who land in San Francisco go back home alive and the other half dead Both halves carry their money along with them to the Celestial regions

—The American Express Company talks of arming all its employees with pistols, which they will wear in plain sight, because the law forbids the carrying of concealed weapons

—It is said that the oldest church edifice in America except a Roman Church in St Augustine is St Luke's, Isle of Wight County Virginia, about five miles from Smithfield

—The Russians are making bold advances into Chinese territory A settlement has been established in Manchuria on the right bank of the Amoor river, in the province of Tsitsihar

—An angry servant girl fired the Huntington, Ct, Congregational parsonage very early the other morning, and the Rev Mr Higgins, his wife and four children were nearly smothered

—Miss Lizzie H Whittier, neice of John G Whittier the poet, was married last Wednesday at Amesbury, Mass, to Mr Samuel T Pickard, one of the editors of the *Transcript*, Portland, Me

—The Centennial will open next Wednesday The public will be admitted to the grounds at 9 A M and at 12 M the ceremonies will be gin, after which the buildings will be thrown open

—An appropriation of $24,000 000 will be asked for public improvements necessary to prepare Paris for the reception of strangers expected to visit the International Exhibition of 1878.

—A telegram from Omaha says that immense quantities of grain have been contracted for, to be moved East during the present fall in freights caused by the contest between the fast freight lines

—A Madison (Ind) man has just been relieved of a ball weighing nearly half ounce, which he has carried in his head ever since the battle of Missionary Ridge, nearly thirteen years ago

—In the twenty two cities of the U S, with the highest postal receipts, the citizens pay on an average $2 01 each for postage yearly Boston averages $3 80, New York, $3 16, and Chicago, $3.01

—The Indians in small bands infest the country between Fort Laramie and the Black Hills, and though they take no scalps, yet discount and plunder every weak party of immigrants that they encounter.

—About fifty surviving members of the old Massachusetts Sixth Regiment met in Lowell on April 19th and celebrated the anniversary of their march through Baltimore, when the first blood of the civil war was shed

—Col Forney says that such thing as a gentleman chewing tobacco in the Old World is entirely unknown, indeed, it is impossible to buy tobacco to chew, and hence the purity and cleanliness of all their great public buildings

—A while ago "Thomas Maitland" wrote a small book on contemporary poets, in which all but Robert Buchanan were abused. Afterward it transpired that Buchanan was the author, and Swinburne wrote a slashing article about it in the London *Examiner* Now Buchanan sues Swinburne and the journal for libel

—One of the spectators of the unveiling of the Lincoln monument in Washington was Louis Clark, who saw a negro whipped to death by Tom Canaday of Garrett county, Ky, and immediately crossed the Ohio and gave the particulars to Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, upon which she founded her story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Clark was the "George Harris" of the book

☞ Dr H Pursell has had made to order a fine lot of Porous Plasters. which he has now in stock The advantage in using them is that they are newly made, and necessarily adhere better than those kept on hand a length of time. They are soft and pliable, containing the liquid matter originally present in the gums—keeping up the gentle but constant irritation in which the principal merit of all plasters exists

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST WEEK

April Court commenced last Monday with the Hon Richard Watson and his associates, Messrs. Morrison and Godshalk upon the bench. The list was not very long, but several of the cases were of some prominence, and the whole of the week was occupied

The Grand Jury acted upon thirty three bills—twenty-nine of which they found true The first case called was that of the

Commonwealth vs Jonathan Hibbs and John Vanaiken, charged with Larceny It seems that sometime during last November, the prosecutor in the case P Sanford Stone who is a member of the firm of J. Sanford & Co of Jersey City, contracted to take down the old Trenton bridge, that this they did and in removing the old material, among other things removed the old iron to a place along the line of the Pennsylvania R R, a short distance from Morrisville That this pile of iron was a very large one containing several thousand tons Over this iron they had a watchman by day and by night They had a watchman by day and by night Thos Kenman, one of the watchmen, boarded at Giff's hotel The other watchman George L Ellis, testified he saw these defendants and McKennan come to this pile of iron on the night of the 22d of November, having a horse and wagon and take from the pile several hundred pounds of iron They did the same thing the succeeding night That after loading, the iron was taken to Hibbs yard and unloaded Vanaiken and some other persons were afterwards seen to take this iron to Trenton and sell it to a junk dealer by the name of Hitler McKennan could not be found to testify at the trial The defendants proved that they bought the iron of Mr McKennan, thinking he had a right to sell it That he had sold it to several persons about Morrisville, saying he had the consent of the contractors to sell it The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty

Commonwealth vs George Hills and P Sandford Ross This case grew out of the preceding one The charge was conspiracy The jury, under the charge of the Court rendered a verdict of not guilty—District Attorney George Ross and D Lowthorp, for Commonwealth, Yerkes and Jones for prisoners

Commonwealth vs John Ryan—Charged with assault upon Patrick McAdams Yardleyville is the dwelling place of these parties and the previous trouble arose about some chickens who had a tendency to scratch up the prosecutor's plants The prosecutor alleged that Ryan threw a stone at him These parties live as neighbors but we are surprised to find there is no partnership pumpon a lot of their They acted quite scandalous, circulated that to morrow a reduction will be made in passenger rates in consequence of the fight now going on, and a preconcerted raid was made by the tenants on Pennsylvania R R The whole matter broke under the attack having but little support, and closes weak at about the lowest prices of the day

Pennsylvania R R opened at 64 and hung along at 63¾ 64 with sales at both prices, till second hour The stock then sold ex dividend up to 63¾, but afterwards dropped to 62¾ at the close, ending 62¾-¾ After the close it is offered at 62¾ on the street The Company to-day announce their usual quarterly dividend of 2 per cent payable on the 30th instant

Buffalo opened at 10¾, but sold off to 10¾, ending 10¾-¾

Philadelphia and Erie was not much noticed, closing 18¾-¾

Reading R R was dull, selling at 44¼, and closing 44¼ ¾

Lehigh Navigation was also not much noticed ending 46¾ 47

Hestonville opened at 33½, and sold up to 34 buyer 60 At the close, in sympathy with the other market it went to 33¾, closing 33½

Money was in good supply at 6 per cent though higher rates were enforced from some parties

Gold opened at 12¾, and touched 13, closing 12¾-¾

The New York market opened strong and some advance was made through the whole list, but at the close stocks are lower

Money in New York closes 3 per cent

Yours truly, MARIS & SMITH

Philadelphia Bond and stock quotations reported expressly for the GAZETTE, by JOHN K. WILDMAN, No 26 South Third street. May 3, 1876

BONDS—Pennsylvania Loan, 2d series 103 a 105¾, Pennsylvania Loan, 3d series, 113 a 114 Philadelphia City 6's 1903 108¼, do Allegheny, Valley 7.30's, 101 a 101¼, Cam and Amboy 6's 1883 105¾ a 106, do do 1889, 102 a 103½, do Mort 1889, 104 a 105, Lehigh Valley 7's, 109 a 110, North Pennsylvania 7's 107 a 108, Pennsylvania and New York Canal 7's, 108 a 109, Pennsylvania R R 1st Mort., 105 a 106, do general Mort Coupon 103 a 104, do do Mort Registered 105¾ a 107, Philada & Erie 7's, 94 a 95, Philadelphia and Reading 7 s, 109 a 110, do General Mortgage 7's, Coupon, 108 a 109¼, do do 7's, Registered 108 a 108¾, do New Consol 7's, 109 a 109, Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis 7's 83 a 84, West Chester 7's, 107 a 108, West Jersey 7's, 106½ a 107, Wilmington and Rdg 1st Mortgage 7's, 40 a 45, Lehigh Navigation Gold Loan, 6's, 104 a 105

STOCKS—Lehigh Valley Railroad, 57½ a58, Mine Hill Railroad, 52½ a 53, Nesquehoning Valley Railroad, 53 a 54, Pennsylvania Railroad, ex 62¾ a 62¾, Philad'a and Reading Railroad, 44 a 44¼, Philadelphia & Trenton R R 132a 134 United Co's of N J (C & A) 134 a 135, Cen Transportation Co 47 a 47¼ Fifth and Sixth street R R, 72 a 73, Hestonville R R 32¼ a 32½, Second and Third street R R, 40 a 53, Leh Nav, 46¼ a 46¾

FARMERS' HAY AND STRAW MARKET—for week ending April 29, 1876 Loads of Hay 276, Straw, 72 Average price during week Prime Timothy, $1 40 to $1 50 Mixed, $1 30 to $1 40, Straw, $1 45 to $1 60 per 100 lbs.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET

Monday May 1 5 P M

BEEF CATTLE were in better demand this week, and prices were a fraction higher 1 00 head arrived and sold at 6¼ a 7c for extra Pennsylvania and Western steers, 5¾ a 6¼c for fair to good do, and 4¾ a 5¼ per lb gross for common as to quality Sheep were in fair demand at 5 a 7¼c per lb gross for wooled as to condition, receipts 8000 head Hogs moved with more freedom and closed at $11 a $12 25 per 100 lbs net for corn fed, receipts 4000 head

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The assortment of Cotton Lisle Thread and Silk Gloves

A large variety of Corsets from 35c to $3 00

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Cloths, Cassimeres Jeans and Cottonades for men's and boys wear

Straw Hats

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J WESLEY WRIGHT

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We would pause where now we hasten,
We would often look around,
Lest our careless feet should trample
Some rare jewel in the ground.

If we knew what forms are fainting
For the shade that we should fling,
If we knew what lips are parching
For the water we should bring,
We would haste with eager footsteps,
We would work with willing hands,
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If we knew what feet were weary,
Climbing up the hills of pain,
By the world cast out in evil,
Poor, repentant, Magdalene:
We would no more dare to scorn them
With our Pharisaic pride,
Wrapping close our robes about us,
Passing on the other side.

If we knew when friends around us
Closely pressed to say "Good-bye,"
Which among the lips that kiss us
First among the flowers should lie,
While like rain upon their tares
Fell our bitter, blinding tears,
Tender words of love eternal
We would whisper in their ears.

THE GOOD OLD TIMES.

George William Curtis, in his lecture on "Women of the Past and Present," says a good word for the new generation:—We cry out against political corruption, and justly fear for the moral foundations of the government. I have seen a man in the lobby of the Legislature brandish bank bills, and openly boast, "That makes the laws." While I winced, I remembered that in the time of Walpole the British king brought men as he would barrowloads of meal. When foolish imagination sighs for the old time, it forgets that the old time was cruel, superstitious, and gross. The men of the old time hated personal, political, and religious liberty; they were times when men died faster in the open country than in the direst lane of our city to-day. The whole progress of civilization is in the emancipation from the theories and manners of the old time. We do not excuse our own age, but when we sigh for a return of the past let us remember that its greatest glory was in the divine discontent with those times. One commanding and supreme indication of the world's progress is its higher and better estimate of woman. The position of woman is always the test of society. To-day as I stand in the ample halls of some great school, filled with the hum of industrious and happy life, I remember that in the girl of the age of Pericles all scholastic diligence would have been accepted as evidence of evil design. In the golden age of Athens, the most accomplished women belong to a so outlawed class. * * On the subject of fashionable woman, the lecturer said:—The dress of a fashionable woman—and never were men so alive to it as at this moment—the dress of a fashionable woman says the social moralist, costs her husband hundreds, yes, thousands of dollars. "It is shameful! It was not so in the simple old time." Softly, Softly. Here is queen Elizabeth, three hundred years ago, who died the happy owner of three thousand dresses, and who issued her solemn proclamation against extravagance in dress. We bewail our society, so giddy, so gross. Young men content to drive fast horses and play billiards; young women in the finest dresses, heedling on high heeled shoes that pinch their feet into Chinese deformity, in bonds that squeeze their waists. It is shameful, we cry. But were the olden times much simpler? In Scudder's "Humphrey Clinker," the picture of society one hundred years ago, we see a famous belle dressed for a ball. "I was not six hours in the hands of the hair-dresser, and he stuffed my head full of black tow that would have made a quilted petticoat." And yet it was the smallest head, with one exception.

Color Cure.—Dr. Edward Newbery, of New York, in a recent lecture, hinted at the possibility of a perfected system of photopathy. The colors and rays of light also relate to the physical temperaments as stimulants—the yellow color, or ray of light, to the nervous temperament, which is distinguished by a large brain and prominent motor, sensitive and sympathetic nerves: the pink color, or ray of light, relates to the nutritive temperament, characterized by large glandular, acrative, and assimilating parts, and superabundance of blood; and the blue color, or ray of light, relates to what I denominate the locomotive temperament, indicated by large bones and muscle, and predominance of the gelatinous tissue. The various temperaments may be stimulated by the colors or rays to which as I indicated, they respectively relate; and are, therefore, capable of producing either a healthy or morbid influence upon different individuals. A person in whom the nervous system is dominant may have it increased or excited to prostration by the influence of yellow color or ray of light. A nutritive-locomotive system may be developed so as to counterbalance the excessive nervous, by the use of purple color or ray of light. A weak nutritive system may be developed by the influence of pink color or ray of light, while the same would be injurious to any one of plethoric nature. A weak locomotive temperament may be strengthened by the influence of blue color or ray of light, while the same would excite a strong person to work or make him irritable. The green color or ray of light excites the nervous-locomotive system; the red color or ray of light, the nervous-nutritive. So that sick or unbalanced persons should have the color of the walls, ceiling, carpets, window-shades, etc., of their particular apartments properly adapted to develop an equilibrium of their physical temperaments, which is the only condition of perfect health and long life required by nature and overlooked by man. All our public assembly rooms should be of neutral colors, with pictures of various subjects to suit the different tastes, so as to produce a neutral effect in the aggregate, in order that each individual might be suited according to his sympathetic and comprehensive attraction.

"The Tramp" in the Sixteenth Century.—Although villeinage had long died out in England, and had been suppressed even in the western counties before the latter part of Elizabeth's reign (1574), the condition of the hired laborer was such, that, from a modern point of view, he could not fairly be called a free man. His employers, the landowners, passed laws which kept him in a state of half bondage to themselves. His wages were fixed by the justices of the peace, according to the price of food. If he refused to work at the rate of wages offered, or went out of his county in search of higher wages, he became, in the eyes of the law, a rogue and vagabond. The laws against such were exceedingly severe. Any person for the first time found "wandering or roguing about," was to be whipped on his naked back until his body was bloody, and then sent from parish to parish straightway to the place of his birth; or, if this was not known, then "to the parish where he last dwelt for the space of a year" (39th Eliz., 1597). "Poor Tom," says *Edgar*, in "King Lear," when he plays the madman, who is whipped from tything to tything, and stocked, and punished, and imprisoned." In order that the vagrant might be recognized, he was to be branded on the left shoulder with the letter R, and if a second time found begging or wandering about was to be as judged a felon and hanged (2d James I, 1604). This barbarous law, though probably not often enforced to its whole extent, was quite in keeping with the criminal legislation of the time, which condemned the thief, who stole any article above ten shillings in value, to die as a felon on the gallows.—*From "King and Commonwealth a History of Charles I and the Great Rebellion."*

The Stomach and the Soul.—There is a vital relation between the stomach and the soul. We have outgrown the idea that the soul lives in the body as a tenant lives in a house, and that the soul can be healthy even if the body is shattered and diseased. The soul may be defined as the conscious life of man. Art and science and religion are but the various actions of the same one conscious life. The soul may exist sometime as an entity; but, in this world, we only know the soul as manifesting evidence through the body. The body is the instrument on which the soul plays; and if that be out of tune, the noblest mind cannot produce harmony. A sane mind and a sound body go together. Great men are not simply great in brain, but perfect in digestion. They have not only good brains but good stomachs; and one plays quite as important a part as the other. Health of body and holiness of soul come from the same root.

Health and Talent.—It is no exaggeration to say that health is a large ingredient in what the world calls talent. A man without it may be a giant in intellect, but his deeds will be the deeds of a dwarf. On the contrary, let him have a quick circulation, a good digestion, the bulk, thews, and sinews of a man, and he will set failure at defiance. A man has good reasons to think himself well off in the lottery of life if he draws the prize of a healthy stomach without a mind, rather than the prize of a fine intellect with a crazy stomach. But, of the two, a weak mind in a herculean frame is better than a giant mind with a crazy constitution. A pound of energy with an ounce of talent will achieve greater results than a pound of talent with an ounce of energy.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, talking to a friend about the antiquity of his family, which he carried up to Noah, was told that he was a mere mushroom of yesterday. "How so, pray?" said the baronet. "Why," continued the other, "when I was in Wales a pedigree of a particular family was shown to me; it filled five large skins of parchment, and near the middle of it was a note in the margin, '*About this time the world was created.*'"

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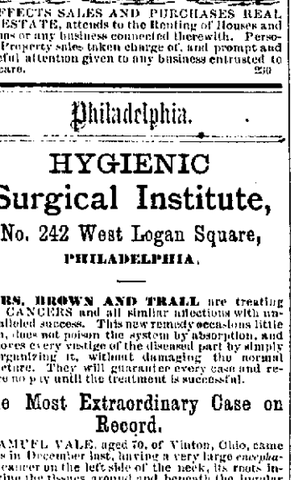

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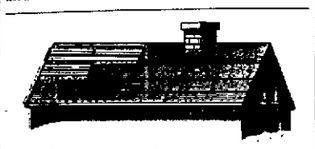

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